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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby call the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2000-313170, published on November 14, 2000, together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicants note that this document is discussed on pages 3 and 4 of the specification of the instant application; and

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2000-43415, published on February 15, 2000, together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicants note that this document is discussed on pages 3 and 4 of the specification of the instant application.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to

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the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicants also bring to the Examiner's attention the following copending and commonly assigned patent applications:

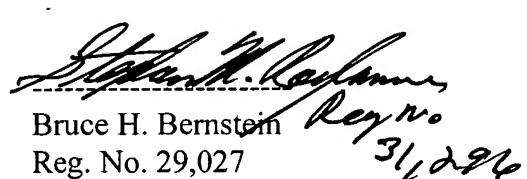
U.S. Patent Application No. 10/460,167 to SHINGAI et al., entitled "Optical Recording Medium", filed on June 13, 2003; and

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/445,812 to SHINGAI et al., entitled "Optical Recording Medium", filed on May 28, 2003.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(iii), copies of the above-mentioned applications are attached hereto. However, the Examiner is also requested to review the file wrapper of these U.S. patent applications at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the references of record, if any, cited therein.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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